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Of every thousand of the population of the United States one hundred and forty-five were born in foreign countries; of the one hundred and forty-five two have come to this country from China, Japan or India. During the present century the number of Chinese has decreased substantially, although there has been a steady growth in the number of Japanese. There has never been a general movement of emigration to America from those countries such as has taken place from various countries of Europe. Those who have come are from limited districts where poverty has forced them to break the strong ties that bind their families together. These come with the fixed purpose to acquire an independence, very small by American standards, and then return to their homes. The Japanese, however, spend freely of their earnings in this country, and those who have accepted the Christian religion, either after or before coming here, are in a surprisingly short time eager to administer their own church affairs independently of any outside aid.

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In the United States there are now seventy-four temples devoted to the worship of Buddha, most of these on the Pacific Coast. There is also a Hindu temple in San Francisco, but friendless immigrants from India receive no attention there—it is solely for those American seekers after novelty who find it in this "creed outworn." The progress of Christianity in Japan has stimulated there an increase of activity among Buddhists, although their faith has been disestablished as the state religion. This activity not unnaturally has produced some rather amusing imitations of Christian methods, such as crude and fantastic Buddhist Sunday-school cards, adaptations of well-known hymns, "Buddha loves me, this I know," etc. From some of the centers of this faith in our own country propaganda is carried on among the white races who do not know Buddhism in its practical effects. We sometimes hear a warning that if American Christians do not Christianize the Orient, then the Orient will de-Christianize America. Though this seems rather improbable we may well heed the statement of one authoritative writer who says: "The problem of Oriental immigration is simply this: Shall the Oriental take back with him from the United States *money* or *a message?*"

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"If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no meat while the world standeth!" So said "the stout apostle Paul," and in this long-distant day may we not paraphrase his words and imitate his spirit at least enough to say, "If wheat helps my brother, who is fighting for me and for all that makes my life worth living, I and my family will eat no wheat till he wins his battle!"

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As a war economy it has been decided by the Committee in charge of Woman's Work to consolidate our August and September numbers this year. This will make possible a substantial saving in paper, ink, engraving, printing and postage, and in payment for substitutes during the vacation weeks of the Editor and the office force. In making this experiment we are following the plan pre-

viously adopted by several of the mission magazines, and we trust our readers to be willing to coöperate with us. The issue will appear August first as usual, and with this advance notice subscribers will be prepared not to feel that a mistake has been made when they do not receive a September magazine.

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FALLEN in the ranks during the last few weeks are an old worker and a new one. Mrs. Edwin Cozzens had worked in Africa only a part of one term, though long enough to make her influence felt. Her sudden death on May eighth is a most unexpected loss to her work, her friends and associates, and most of all to her husband. Mrs. E. A. Sturge had been a missionary of the Board for thirty-seven years. Four of these she had spent in Siam and the rest among the Japanese on the Pacific Coast. Among them her influence was deep and lasting; they appreciated and loved her and prized her thoughtful hospitality. One who knew Mrs. Sturge well says that the Japanese young men looked up to her almost with reverence. A sweet picture of Mrs. Sturge, surrounded by Japanese ladies, appeared in WOMAN'S WORK for June, 1913.

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THE CONFERENCE WITH NEW AND FURLOUGHED MISSIONARIES began on June third. Here, as everywhere else, the influence of war conditions is apparent. Only about fifty names appear on the list of outgoing missionaries and of that number about two-thirds are women. Men who are ordinarily available for missionary service are exactly the kind of men whom the Government wants for war service—young, strong mentally and physically, and keen to do their share in the world's betterment. Even where for special reasons, such as ordination to the ministry, candidates are legally exempt from military service, many of them have not been willing to claim exemption, but have eagerly volunteered. Without considering questions of advance on our foreign field, even to maintain positions already occupied is becoming more and more a difficult problem. Young men for educational work in schools and colleges, doctors, industrial instructors and social workers, are desperately needed. So are the women doctors and nurses whose service to their country is as important as that of men. Dr. Mott, speaking of the entire field as manned by all denominations, says: "The War has blotted out some of the finest mission work in the world. Station after station has had to be abandoned. . . . Hundreds of hospitals and dispensaries have had to be either closed or abridged in their operations, and thousands of mission schools have had to be closed."

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Two notable features of this year's General Assembly were: (1) The first appearance of a woman speaker for foreign missions. When the moment came for the Rev. Dr. Cobb, of the Assembly's Board, to speak, he ceded his time to Miss Hodge, who was welcomed by the commissioners rising. (2) A pleasant informal dinner, at which all the missionaries and foreign mission workers present met around the table. Such a dinner was first given by the President of the New York Woman's Board at Atlantic City two years ago. It was found to be so valuable for promoting acquaintance and a spirit of comradeship that it is now planned, whenever practicable, to make this dinner an annual feature of General Assembly.

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"LYDIA OF THYATIRA," the interesting article, by the Rev. Dr. Sibley, which appeared in our May issue, is to be translated into Dutch and used by the women of the Reformed Church Board to circulate among societies in the West where Dutch is the language commonly used. Many of these organizations are known as "Lydia Societies," so Dr. Sibley's utterance will have a special appeal.

# At the Door of the House On the Hill

Edith K. Latham

A peddler of bowls was the father of Ling Seen—bowls with grotesque designs of gods and animals, or beautiful designs of birds and flowers, some to serve as vessels filled with water to hold the brown bulbs from which spring the white and gold New Year lilies of China. But the peddler's trade was a precarious one and his family large. So one day he sold a pretty little daughter to be adopted into the family of a childless couple about to set out for the "land of the golden mountains." Little Ling Seen, by the transfer, was given a kind and thoughtful father, but was not so fortunate in her foster-mother. It was soon sadly apparent that the child was destined to become more the domestic slave than the actual daughter of the cold-hearted woman.

Hesitating at the door.

When they sailed across the sea and settled in the Chinese Quarter of San Francisco, Ling Seen's new mother defied her husband's code of respectability by engaging in two nefarious trades—the traffic in Chinese slave-girls and the illicit sale of opium. Her treatment of the child also became more harsh until her husband was often tempted to remove his foster-daughter from this dangerous environment and place her in the Occidental Board Home in care of its Superintendent-unafraid, Donaldina Cameron, of whose ministrations to the unhappy girls of Chinatown all the Quarter knows. But, like many men of mild domestic nature, he dreaded "making a scene." At length, becoming utterly vexed with his wife's conduct, he pursued the path of the temporizing pacifist and left his situation as cook in an American family to engage in work in a middle-western town, where he remained for several years.

Meanwhile the child was left in her unlovely home, surrounded by evil influences yet still unsullied, though employed by the mother as messenger in delivering opium to her customers. Once too often, however, the little girl was sent out on her unlawful errand. Officers of the law, when raiding an opium den where several men were smoking, found the fourteen-year-old girl presumably delivering the drug, although none was actually found on her at the time. She was taken to the Juvenile Court where the mother went to claim her. Needing an interpreter, the Judge sent to the Mission for Miss Wu. Unfortunately there was not sufficient evidence to convict the woman,

and the girl, when asked if she wished to remain with her mother, declared that she did and was released. The Judge could only admonish the mother to guard her daughter in future from evil influences, and she went back to her iniquitous business, triumphant.

When the Judge released the young girl he requested Miss Wu to accompany her home. On the way, Miss Wu took Ling Seen to visit the Mission and showed her all over the house, telling the child that if she was ever cruelly treated she would always find friends in the Christian women in the house on the hill.

It was not long before that time came. The slave-dealer beat Ling Seen and the girl quietly stole away, breathlessly climbed the steep hill and reached the refuge!

There were tales always afloat in Chinatown about this house on the hill. Steeped in heathen superstition, Ling Seen paused as she mounted the steps while she sought for a sign as a sop to her fear. "If the door opens without my ringing the bell I will stay," she murmured.

Providentially, at that moment, the door did open; all unconsciously to Ling Seen she entered at the sign of the Cross. Otherwise, this true story might have had a tragically different ending.

The father of Ling Seen, reading a report of the case in a Chinese newspaper, learned that his beloved daughter had been given by the courts to the women at the Presbyterian Mission and immediately hastened back to San Francisco to investigate for himself the treatment she was receiving.

He found Ling Seen already a member of the family, happy in her new surroundings, tenderly guarded by "Lo Mo," (little mother) as the girls wistfully call Miss Cameron, and by "Auntie"—Miss Wu—whom she had learned to trust from that terrifying day in the court when she faced the white man's law. And already she was beginning to have glimpses of the life of the Christian when she saw with what endless, loving patience these followers of Christ dealt with the cases of the fear-crazed, rebellious girls committed to the Mission and watched those hopeless faces change when they discovered the perfect love that casts out fear. She saw other girls come gladly and then, happy in their own release from bondage, tell of friends who were still in captivity, willing to risk their lives with brave "Lo Mo," Miss Wu, or Miss Higgins, to help rescue these prisoners from dens of darkness. And one day Ling Seen stood up in the Chinese church and acknowledged that the God of the Christians was her God too.

Mrs. Yeung and her beloved Y Hong, in Mandarin costume. The other little boy is an Immigration "probationer," in quaint Chinese "best." Photos. taken by Miss Latham.

"It is a good thing to study western learning," counselled Ling Seen's foster father, as he watched her progress, "for I am growing old and soon must leave you."

Then, after remaining for some time in the city, he removed to a neighboring State, content as to the welfare of his child.

This is the story of the bowl-peddler's daughter—saved to be a vessel of honor!

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BESIDES the thrilling rescue cases, there are other Oriental efforts adventured by the Occidental Board. There are the little ones, once threatened by the growing shadow of evil, now housed at Tooker Memorial School in East

Oakland, across San Francisco Bay. On special occasions they come to "920" in the gala attire of quaint Chinese "best" furnished by admiring friends or supporters. There are also the loyal little Chinese-Americans from the Mission Schools—Occidental and Condit—who lustily sing patriotic songs. And there is the adorable baby of a Christian family who opens her tiny button-mouth to sing in Chinese or English, the prima donna of Mrs. Wing's kindergarten class.

There are bowls in the shop windows of Chinatown, wonderful vessels of bronze or translucent porcelain wrought by the cunning hand of the Oriental craftsman. But they fade before the possibilities of Christian beauty that may be wrought by the hand of God, through his prayerful workmen, in these little lives brought from the dull clay of heathenism to the translucent beauty of vessels of honor, fit to serve in the house of the Lord.

(1) "Lo Mo" and a *protegee* from Tooker School.

(2) Kindergarten children; the littlest one, on the left of the front row, is the tiny prima donna.

## The Executive Secretary Gives Her Impressions of the West

May 16, 1918.

To the Editor:

My dear Mrs. Elliot:—Perhaps you will be interested in hearing of my visits to our Chinese work on the Pacific Coast. In San Francisco I took one or two meals at the Home and a wedding occurred while I was there. The groom came from Pittsburgh, and was only approved by Miss Cameron after a vigorous examination of his credentials. The flower girl was a daughter of a former member of the San Francisco home and came from Boston. The bride wore a Chinese dress of beautiful white Shanghai silk, the gift of the groom, and American stockings and pumps. She also wore a veil and carried an American bouquet.

The wedding was somewhat delayed because the groom had forgotten to bring the license from the hotel; but finally the wedding procession came into the auditorium of the Home; Miss Cameron, looking very sweet in a pale lavender dress, escorted the bride, who was preceded by the flower girl and attended by a maid of honor. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Laughlin, assisted by the Chinese pastor, and after the service we adjourned to the dining room of the Home for the wedding feast. The bride and groom hardly uttered a word during the meal, but

there was plenty of laughter going on in the rest of the room. Afterwards the bride cut the wedding cake and each girl in the Home received a piece wrapped up in a Japanese napkin to dream on.

We heard much joking and discovered that a Chinese man was the center of the commotion, the guests were all pinning tags on his back, and teasing him. On inquiry, we learned that it was the go-between who was receiving this treatment, and that this is the Chinese custom. As we left, this man, and not the happy couple, was being showered with confetti.

A delightful afternoon was spent in a trip across the Bay to the Tooker Memorial Home for little children, where these babies are saved from the city life, have outdoor room to play and are cared for by loving American and Chinese teachers. Already there are more children than can be housed there and an annex has been rented across the street. There are beautiful dreams of a house in the real country, with trees and room to run and play, which we hope may materialize in a not distant future.

On Sunday I took supper with Miss Cameron and Miss Li, a Chinese girl who is a graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia and the trusted nurse in Chinatown. She lives at "920" and is beloved by Chinese and Americans there. We went to the service in the little, plain Chinese church, with one of the girls presiding at the organ and four of them forming the choir. Most of the men were on one side of the room, the women, children and babies on the other, though a few fathers ventured to sit with their families. The room was noisy until time for the service, when the quiet reverence of the church fell on the people. It was communion night and the two pastors took charge. The sermon was preached in Chinese, one man was admitted by letter from Canton, another

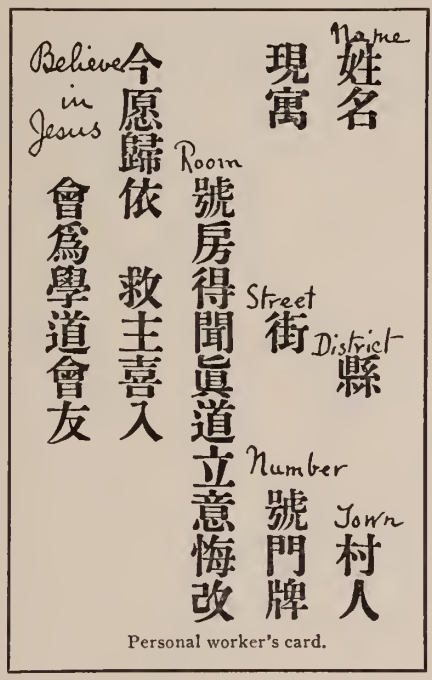
Miss Hodge.

on profession of faith from San Francisco. Chinese elders distributed the elements and one felt very near to Christ in this little service.

There could hardly be a greater contrast than the communion service I attended in the church ministered to by the Rev. Dr. Mark A. Matthews at Seattle, Wash. This is the largest church in our denomination, except that of Elat, in Africa, and even the Elat Church is now smaller since it has sent off several daughter churches. The Seattle church has a wonderful echo organ and a magnificent auditorium. The procession of thirty-six dignified American elders came up the aisle and took their places to administer the Lord's Supper. A simple Gospel talk was given, and as I listened to the service and thought of the one I had attended two weeks before, my thoughts also went to the Elat Church and the services which have been held there during these years of war, and I realized that indeed "We all belong to the tribe of God."

Later I visited our work in Portland. This is gradually being taken over from the Foreign Board by Presbytery and is a much smaller work. Since Chinese

immigration is now so limited, Portland has few rescue cases. I visited a small day school where children of Christian and non-Christian parents attend. Much emphasis is laid upon teaching Chinese, since it is hoped that the children will be real carriers of the Gospel Message and it could not be understood in their homes unless they can give it in Chinese.



Personal worker's card.

Evangelistic services have recently been held and I was given a card which has a place for the signature and address of the person who receives it, and a simple message urging that he "believe in Jesus." They have a small sewing class for the children, which has worked for the Red Cross, and two women members of the Chinese Church secured one hundred members for that organization in its Christmas drive. They gave twenty dollars to Foreign Missions during the last year. Other denominations are working in Portland also and one can not help wishing that we could all unite in one worthy work instead of having several small, poorly supported missions.

I cannot resist this opportunity to speak more about the whole of my trip. It was my first visit as Executive Secretary to our Boards, and I received a royal welcome in Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco and Portland, as well as in the various presbyterial societies. The Boards initiated me into all their Board Committee work, and also gave me many opportunities to see their cities and the delightful people in them. I feel as if I had made a host of new friends and as if I should be much better equipped for my work. I have seen at first hand the problems of administration in the different parts of our country and the different types of women doing the work. It is interesting to see how very similar the methods are over the whole country, and yet the variety of detail in some cases. All kinds of questions were asked of me, and I always promised to answer because I would say "I do not know," if nothing else.

In several centers on the Pacific Coast special meetings were held, when I had an opportunity to meet the presbyterial officers and missionary candidates, and I was impressed with the ability and zeal of all. Patriotism was everywhere manifest, but the larger patriotism of not only winning the war but of winning the world and bringing Christ into His own, ruled all hearts. Red Cross and Y. W. C. A, work were vigorously carried on, usually in addition to the missionary work, seldom as a substitute for it.

I am happy that you will allow me space in Woman's Work to express my appreciation of the way in which our workers received me into their hearts and into their problems. It was good to talk over problems together and often to be able to work out a solution.

The steady advance in results achieved in our Western territory has demonstrated their loyalty.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E. Hodge,
*Executive Secretary.*

Hangchow Christian College. Photo. taken from a boat on Chien Tang River. Center building, Severance Hall. On the right, D. B. Gamble Dormitory; on the left, Wheeler and Dusenbury Dormitory; residences on the hill at the back, Philadelphia Observatory on the hilltop.

# Hangchow Christian College

## Its Aims and Its Progress

Rev. E. L. Mattox, D.D., Former President

Hangchow Christian College is located on the Chientang river, one mile from the terminus of the Shanghai railway and only five miles from the heart of Hangchow, the capital of Chekiang Province, a city of nearly a million inhabitants, nestled between Hangchow Bay, with its famous tidal "bore," on the east and beautiful West Lake, famous in Buddhist lore, on the west. This college is the only institution, mission or government, that is undertaking a program of higher education in the whole Chekiang Province with its population of seventeen millions.

In the number and attendance of its schools Chekiang ranks third in all China, though the smallest of her eighteen provinces, with 6,400 schools up to and including less than a dozen high schools and nearly three hundred thousand pupils. In this same province the various Christian missions are conducting 265 lower primary schools, forty of grammar grade and fourteen high schools, with approximately six thousand boys enrolled.

"The avowed aim of the College is to give a higher education, under distinctively Christian auspices and influences, to as large a number as possible of Chinese young men, with a view to raising up men for leadership in service to church, state, and human society."

This is the only college in China in which the Southern Presbyterian Church is represented, and is the only missionary institution in China doing college work that is wholly under Presbyterian control through the regular boards of the two denominations.

The College was started in 1845 in Ningpo as a boys' boarding school, later moved to Hangchow, capital of the province, where it became in due time the mission High School and later the college of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Missions. Thus the roots of the institution go back to the remote past and constitute a rich social heritage in the history and life of the mission and the people. Practically all the pioneer preachers and evangelists of our own and other schools in the Chekiang province and some of the adjacent provinces were graduates of this school. Many of the leading doctors and Christian workers in Eastern China today are our old students. Of the last sixty-one gradnates of the College, twenty have either entered the

ministry or Y. M. C. A. work; twelve have gone into business, and twenty-nine are teachers, all but two or three in mission schools. When the city Y. M. C. A. came to Hangchow a few years ago, it was found that practically all the available material for Board of Directors was from this College. When the new railroad was built from Shanghai to Hangchow a few years ago, a goodly number of Hangchow College students (by reason of their knowledge of mathematics), were employed in the engineering and drafting department, even though they had not had any special vocational training, and most of them have been retained on account of their reliability and efficiency through several changes of administration.

After forty years in the heart of Hangchow a fine site was procured four miles south of the city and new

Members of Hangchow Station of Central China Mission. Photo. taken April 10th, 1917. Upper row:—Miss Ethel Rhoda, Rev. J. H. Arthur, Mrs. Arthur, Mr. A. W. March, Mrs. March, Miss Lois D. Lyon, Miss Ada C. Russell, Rev. W. R. Wheeler, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. Scott, Rev. F. D. Scott. Middle row:—Rev. F. W. Bible, Miss Juniata Rickets, Mrs. Mattox, Rev. E. L. Mattox, D.D. Front row:—Mrs. Bible, Mrs. Van Evera, Rev. Kepler Van Evera, Rev. R. F. Fitch. (All present except Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Judson, the senior members of the station.) Hangchow photographs loaned by Rev. E. L. Mattox, D.D.

Group of students in front of Severance Hall assisting Mr. Henry E. Baker, C. E., of Watertown, N. Y., in surveying the campus.

Philadelphia Observatory, building given by Mrs. Charles P. Turner. Rev. H. Warren Stuart, Acting President of the College, stands in front.

modern buildings erected sufficient to accommodate two hundred students. In the past five years the number of students in the College department has increased over two hundred and fifty per cent. The new Tooker Memorial Chapel is nearing completion. The athletic field has been enlarged and a good cinder track put in. The course of study has been improved and a number of new teachers, both Chinese and American, have been secured.

In a previous article we tried to outline the present political, social, economic and educational status of the Chinese people. They stand facing a future with expectant attitude and with hopefulness. They have tried many plans and experienced difficulties in carrying them out. They are ready to accept any help and co-operation that comes in the right spirit. A few years ago the students in most mission schools were fearful that the government would not recognize them and would perhaps discriminate against them in educational honors. Now the government representatives are coming to us and requesting us to register with the government and showing a willingness to recognize all that has been done and is being done by mission institutions for the people. The presence in the government of such men as Hon. C. T. Wang, himself a graduate of a mission school, and of many others who might be mentioned, helps to bring about this cordial relation.

If we only had the vision of the possibilities of the Christian College in China just now there would be no end to the volume of prayer and sympathy that would be offered, and I believe also, of men and money, even now when the world is calling for its best young manhood to give their services in the fight for right and God, and is pouring out

* See WOMAN'S WORK, January, 1918.

its treasures so lavishly in that holy cause. But the morale of the men must be thought of and kept up, a fact recognized by both soldier and civilian as never before. So must the morale, the morals, of the young men now growing up in this giant neighbor of ours just across the Pacific. And to whom else does she look, or can she look, so confidently, so hopefully, as to our own country? Has not God given us favor in her eyes and given us all these institutions rooted in the past on the field for such a time as this?

## CHANGES IN THE MISSIONARY FORCE

ARRIVALS:

At San Francisco, April 24—Dr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Mills from Chosen. Address, 356 W. Decatur St., Decatur, Ill.
———, April —, Mr. Carlos E. Smith from the Philippine Islands.
At Victoria, April 29—Miss Harriet E. Worthington from S. Siam.
———, May —, Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Fletcher from Chosen. Address, Ridley Park, Pa.
At San Francisco, May —, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Boyd from S. China. Address, 2241 W. 15th St., Los Angeles, Cal.; Dr. W. H. Dobson from S. China. Address, 149 N. Sichel St., Los Angeles, Cal.
At New York, May 1—Miss Mabel S. Jones from Hwai Yuen, China.
At New York, May 3—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Pond from Venezuela.
At San Francisco, May 6—Miss Frances E. Davidson from Japan. Address, 4577 Campus Ave., San Diego, Cal.
At New York, May 8—Rev. Chas. S. Williams from Colombia.

DEPARTURES:

From Seattle, May 8—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Thompson, returning to Shantung, China.
———, June 6—Rev. E. W. McDowell and Dr. J. W. Cook, for Persia, with the Relief Commission.

RESIGNATIONS:

Miss Ethel N. Todd of the Japan Mission. Appointed 1913.
Dr. and Mrs. E. B. McDaniel of the S. Siam Mission. Appointed 1902.
Dr. Mary H. Fulton of the Central China Mission. Appointed 1884.
Rev. and Mrs. Weston T. Johnson of the Japan Mission. Appointed 1902.

DEATHS:

At San Francisco, May 5—Mrs. E. A. Sturge, Missionary to the Japanese in California. Appointed 1880.
At Duala, May 8—Mrs. Edwin Cozzens of the W. Africa Mission. Appointed 1914.
At Santiago, May 30—Mrs. J. H. McLean of the Chile Mission. Appointed 1906.
At Meshed, May 30—Rev. Lewis F. Esselstyn of the E. Persia Mission, of typhus. Appointed 1887.

## In Loving Remembrance

IN THE DEATH of Miss Elizabeth A. Foster on March 18, 1918, in Kolhapur, India, we record the passing on of one of the Lord's most faithful servants on the mission field. After months of patient suffering she has been released to begin the new and perfect life in the home above.

Miss Foster was born in the north of Ireland in 1871, of sturdy, devout Presbyterian stock, inheriting a strong constitution, genuine Irish humor and an unusual capacity for whole-hearted joyful Christian work. From the farm she came to this country to care for an invalid aunt and later found her way into the Philadelphia Presbyterian Hospital, where she studied nursing with thoroughness and enthusiasm, was graduated, and in 1897 went out under the Philadelphia Board to the West India Mission as a superintendent of nurses.

Miss Foster has filled a large place in the hospitals at Miraj and Kolhapur and the surrounding villages, caring for the sick, training native nurses, cheering all who came in contact with her—even frolicking with the missionary children, to whom she was always "Auntie"—but underneath all was ever manifest the one purpose of her life to serve her Lord and Master with her whole heart.

Two years ago during her second furlough we had the opportunity of knowing Miss Foster intimately and we were looking forward to many more years of loving co-operation when the word came that an insidious disease had laid hold on her and she must suffer and be cared for by her devoted associates and nurses as she would have been so ready to care for them. Miss Adelaide Browne writes, "The Book of Books was oftenest in her hand and words of prayer on her lips. Her trust and faith have been an inspiration to us all."

Through Dr. Stanley White we quote from the Board's tribute:

"When a large salary was offered to her if she would stay in this country her reply was, 'Do you think I love money more than those poor people who have no one to help them? No, I must go back to India and to the people I love.' Every letter which she wrote was filled with the thought of her ministry to the souls of her patients and gave eloquent testimony to the fact that the source of her spiritual life was in her constant communion with her Master." *J. M. T.*

PHILADELPHIA.

# All the Year Round with Our Islanders

CHARLES A. GUNN

(Concluded from June number)

IN both Leyte and Camarines Stations, where there have been many hindrances to contend with, the prestige of the work would be greatly enhanced by the acquisition of land and buildings, to say nothing of the opportunities for advance thus afforded the missionaries by adequate equipment.

In Manila we see two great needs. One is the Presbyterian share of the Union Theological Seminary's new plant. The other is known by the general term of "Ellinwood Extension" and means more specifically: (1) a central administration building connecting the two boys' dormitories; (2) a connecting building to the rear of this containing dining and social hall with a chapel on the upper floor, and (3) the rebuilding with concrete of the two dormitory wings which are now rapidly deteriorating under the inroads of white ants. Throughout all our Stations the one great evangelistic need is "more trained Filipino workers." Ellinwood means just that. It is the administrative headquarters of the Manila missionaries, Treasurer and Architect; it is the home of Presbyterian students in the Theological Seminary; the center of Sunday-school work and the home of the Malate Church and Sunday-school. Its location and value to the Mission make its extension a matter of strategic importance. It is hoped that on June second, the date in the Yearbook when Dr. and Mrs. Wright of Manila are remembered by Presbyterians the world over, there may be an outpouring of prayer for this work in which they are engaged, to be followed by such concrete expression of interest as may assure the success of the whole enterprise.

Mission work in the abstract throbs most with living interest when it is associated with the daily activities of the workers through whom the Spirit is manifesting Himself. One woman's life for a given month involved the entertainment of thirteen house guests for periods ranging from one night to two weeks; nine other guests for a meal or two; a "baby party" for a visiting baby missionary; fifty-five classes in the Bible school and eight in the Sunday-school; and for about half that month she was sick enough to be in bed if she had had time!

Another woman writes of a conversation with some of the Filipino girls, one of whom was still debating in her own mind the claims of Romanism.

"The priests say," she quoted "that it's just like when a man dies and leaves his property to others. When Christ died he left the power to forgive sins to the priests." "But," spoke up the young wife of an evangelist, "God isn't dead!"

One homekeeper, besides looking after the children's education, included in her year's work one trip across the island to a C. E. rally; made six visits to other towns; spent one week teaching songs to the country people; had from four to nine music pupils all the year; a regular Sunday-school class; a Saturday training class; charge of the Junior C. E. and a women's Talent Society; translated the lesson into Visayan weekly and also translated the Intermediate Catechism. She filled in the rest of her time with mothers' meetings, *Gota de Leche* work, Red Cross, Hospital Auxiliary, etc.

A doctor's wife reports, "I have tried to give the message of salvation to every Filipino with whom I came in contact, to 'hewers of wood and drawers of water,' to market people, to the servants who came and went, and especially to the sick people and their friends who day by day came to the dispensary." She also assisted in four Bible conferences during the year, and in her husband's absence conducted the church services. She says, "The people do not call my efforts preaching — only 'explaining.'"

Other women are teaching, nursing the sick, itinerating with their husbands, keeping Station accounts, acting as personal conductors for the home tours of their little children, and serving as living examples of good housekeeping and home-making before their Filipino neighbors and servants. Is it any wonder that, though often tired, they are very happy and constantly grateful for opportunities for service?

## What Christian Women Are Doing in the Philippines

(Mrs. Geo. W.) Anna R. Wright

(Concluded from June number)

At our Ellinwood School for Girls in Manila, bright girls from the provincial towns, who show capacity for leadership, are given a thorough training in Bible study, methods of church and Sunday-school work, teaching especially for women and children; those with ability as well as a love for music learn to play the organ and to develop their voices, and they get practical training in domestic science by doing all the work of the dormitory under careful supervision.

Then the girls go back to their own towns to pass on to others what they have learned. The last letters from the field tell of the closing of the school with a beautiful recital, the music being mostly from Schubert, Emilia Saprid being the chief soloist and her voice never more lovely. The next day Emilia was married to Domingo Cavan, one of our strong Christian boys, now assistant secretary at the Filipino Student Y. M. C. A. We count much on the influence of such homes. Emilia has been with Miss Bartholomew ten years now, coming first as a little girl from a small hill town, rapidly become one of the strong standbys, and her unusual voice being carefully cultivated. Lately she has been teaching music and Bible at the school, and will continue to help for another year. We always love to tell a story of Emilia's first year, because we love her so, a story that has been told before perhaps, but is worth repeating, because it shows what our girls are capable of doing, with the love of Christ in their hearts and a training in religious work. When she left for her first vacation it was suggested that she pass on what she herself had learned. At the end of the vacation Miss Bartholomew was a little surprised to receive

a request to come to Emilia's town and to examine her class. She went and found Emilia had obeyed the suggestion literally, had gathered together all the children she could reach, taught them simple Bible stories and gospel-hymns three hours a day, five days a week, for six weeks. She was fourteen at the time.

Miss Bartholomew follows up the girls' work by provincial class work and by personal visitation. We very much need a woman evangelist in Manila Station to do such work, or to help at the school and relieve those who already know the language and customs of the people to follow up the girls, organize new work, and do what can be done only by a woman not tied down to the home or classroom. The married Christian women help in various ways, teaching in the schools, having Bible classes, keeping open house, helping husbands in their special tasks and incidentally taking care of home and children.

## At General Assembly

(MRS. A. M.) HARRIET S. L. BARNES

TUESDAY, May twenty-first, in connection with General Assembly, at Columbus, Ohio, Central Committee of the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions held a Popular Meeting, presided over by Mrs. John Harvey Lee, chairman of Central Committee and President of the Philadelphia Board. The morning devotional service was conducted by Mrs. E. S. Porter of Kentucky, who used the twelfth chapter of Romans, and led up to the response, "Here am I, send me!"

The magazines were then presented, Mrs. Henry R. Elliot showing WOMAN'S WORK as the "Chronicles of the battle of the Lord," and saying that those at the front are disheartened if we do not desire to hear what they are doing. While the magazine's purpose is not to make money, yet through the information it gives and the interest it inspires it brings much money to the Boards.

Mrs. L. K. Slaback, of Cincinnati Presbyterial Society, speaking for *Over Sea and Land,* told of falling off in subscriptions and urged coöperation of mothers, as the only way to back up mission work is by training the child. Christ in the heart of the child today tells for Christianity tomorrow. Mrs. James A. Webb, Jr., Treasurer of the New York Board, introduced missionaries, twenty in number. Twelve gave brief messages from the field of needs and hopes, and expressed appreciation of the Boards and the *Yearbook of Prayer.*

Rev. Dr. A. W. Halsey, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, brought a greeting, speaking hopefully of great outlooks, leading to even closer coöperation, and followed with a plea for Guatemala's need, for which offerings were received amounting to $135.47. Mrs. Henry G. Howard, of Kodoli, India, gave interesting incidents of work among the children, and their response, showing the contrast in their lives, which are changed by the Light of Christ after their school training.

Glimpses of country classes in Chosen were brought by Miss Jane Samuel. She paid high tribute to noble Christian Oriental women, illustrating by dancing women learning to plead for virtue and purity and making such progress that American women can not keep pace with them. Miss Samuel told of many forms of Bible class, the County Convention to solve big problems; the large Spring Class, to which women travel on foot many scores of miles; the Workers' Class to train women, and the Sunday-school Training Class, similar to a Bible Institute. Her plea is for more prayer for Chosen and its missionaries.

Mrs. O. R. Williamson, President of the Board of the Northwest, led us to the throne of grace in the intercessory

service, with which the meeting closed. She brought the message, "Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

The afternoon session was opened by prayer by Mrs. Lee, followed by a greeting from Mrs. F. S. Bennett, President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The Committee on Resolutions, Miss M. E. Hodge, chairman, presented a report, which was adopted, expressing great appreciation of the cordiality and kind attention received at the hands of the people of Columbus. Mrs. J. E. Williams of Nanking, China, told of "things torn down," the second revolution having swept away so much of the foundations. But faith is given for such times, and though the University opened with more faculty than students, now there are between five and six hundred students, and buildings, seemingly too large to be occupied in a lifetime, are already crowded. The Women's College, opened in an old building, will soon have to build. The Chinese are getting under the burden and helping to lift. Native women doctors have access to homes and most difficult places; Korean students come for advanced study and are especially responsive. Christian service is the great need, not social service, and the effort is to teach women who can lead women. In closing, Mrs. Williams read as a prayer:

"Son of God, we lift to Thee
A world hurt sore;
Look down and let it be
Wounded no more.
Give them Thy comfort,
Help them to know,
That though their hopes are gone
Thou dost not go."

Field Secretary for Student Work, Miss Isabel Laughlin, told of the ambitious program to enlist two hundred thousand volunteers this year, pleading the possibility of the impossible and the inspiration of big programs. She made a plea that women should find a place for girls in this work and tie them up to it, and for mothers not to hold back their daughters when they hear God's call.

Miss Hodge, as Executive Secretary of Central Committee, sounded the Jubilee note, referring to the twenty-fifth chapter of Leviticus. She told of the founding of the Boards in 1870, and paid high tribute to the women who had the vision and the courage to begin. The aims were set before us, with a goal of five hundred thousand dollars for our gifts, a call for service, prayer, the gift of life, as well as for money. She urged that all begin at once to make big plans—the plans of fifty years ago have not changed but grown.

Mrs. C. S. Williams of Colombia made a strong plea for that land, where the missionaries are so few and the needs of Christ's cause so great. The Board's Treasurer, Mr. Dwight H. Day, spoke of two great aims of our country: to win the war and to bring relief to suffering humanity. Missionary areas have been four times swept by war. America's relief work is done through missionaries, whom the people trust, and the world begins to realize that missionary forces lead. America and Christ are synonymous in the minds of many people. Those who see are catching a new vision. Praise was given to the Woman's Boards, which this year gave one-quarter of the total receipts. War has raised activities to the superlative degree, and we must do the same in God's work, as we have just begun to touch the matter of giving, and the Kingdom of God requires haste.

Mrs. D. J. Fleming closed the meeting, using the verse, "The Master is come and calleth for you"; urging a passion of devotion and love to the cause, great faith, daring and prayer.

At the close of the meeting the first Jubilee gift of one thousand dollars was made through the Philadelphia Board as a memorial to the late Mrs. J. P. E. Kumler.

# The Lark Sings

(Mrs. E. D.) Elizabeth W. Faries,
*Secretary Missionary Education, Philadelphia Board*

[At the request of the Editor Mrs. Faries has prepared this brief account of a special piece of work accomplished by one woman whose heart was so deeply enlisted in missionary education that she knew no such word as "vacation." In the south during the winter and in the north during the summer she has been going right on with her classes. May not this narrative come as a suggestion to many who could easily find among their comrades by the sea or in the mountains many whom they might lead into at least beginning to form the habit of mission study?—Editor.]

Robert W. Service makes "The leaping rapture of a lark" speak of "Joy and home and love and peace" even on the blood-red battlefield!

The lark is still singing in the hearts of those who, in the midst of war and its sorrows, are studying the progress of the Kingdom, and there is nothing more "interest awakening," more broadening, more productive of large returns than Mission Study. As Mrs. Greenleaf leads her mission study classes in New Hampshire on *Women Workers of the Orient* she is making the lark sing with a true note which even the loveliness of the White Mountains could not call forth.

During last winter Mrs. Greenleaf led her classes in and near lovely and fashionable West Palm Beach through Jean Mackenzie's incomparable textbook, *An African Trail,* and many letters have come to the Board telling of these classes. One lady who attended the class in West Palm Beach writes of the rather delicate situation of a northern leader guiding a group of southern women through *An African Trail,* but it was done in a masterly way and the class gained a new vision of the future of the African field.

One writes: "We have learned more about Missions than ever we knew in our lives," and "you can't have the faintest idea what this class means to us." One woman had two ministers and five elders looking up the answer to a question given her in the class.

Mrs. Greenleaf follows a definite plan in her classes: 1st—Spiritual teaching of truth, heart to heart appeal and getting right with God; 2nd—Missionary instruction; 3rd—A vision of joy in service.

These lines are always linked up with the textbook, which, of course the class must read. One writes in a very naïve way, "Our class was interdenominational and Mrs. Greenleaf made every woman find out about her own Board. Well, you aren't the *sticks* we thought you were! We have all been so delighted with the replies from our Boards."

But who is Mrs. Greenleaf? As Miss Mabelle Furst she was Secretary for Missionary Education for Northumberland Presbyterial Society. At that time she led six classes simultaneously, going up and down the Pennsylvania Railroad, stopping off each day of the week for a class session, then going home to Lock Haven to rest over Sunday, and then starting again on Monday to carry on the six classes. Later she was Secretary for Westminster Guild for the Synod of Pennsylvania.

Since her marriage to Mr. C. H. Greenleaf she has made her home in Boston (Congratulations, New York Board!) and has been leading mission study classes on the current textbooks

The textbook *Women Workers of the Orient,* by Margaret Burton, shows very forcefully the menace and rapidly developing industrialism of non-Christian countries. As Mrs. Greenleaf has been one of a shop party of six who spoke in mills, tanneries and jails she has a knowledge of the industrial problem. She has also the true missionary spirit and the broad knowledge of Missions which will influence her classes to go far in solving the problem—What part shall the Missionary Enterprise take in the changing industrial conditions of the world?

# NEWS FROM THE FRONT

## CHINA

Miss Isabella Day writes from Nanking: "We had the pleasure of meeting Pastor Ding Li Mei, soon to become a pastor again, or evangelist-at-large, after he leaves the Chinese Student Volunteer Movement. He accepted Miss Dresser's invitation for dinner one evening, with his daughter, who is almost ready for Ginling College. It was a treat just to look at his beautiful face, full of the peace and strength of his fellowship with Jesus Christ. He was persuaded to lead our chapel exercises at the Language School the next morning. His message was largely to our Chinese teachers, who were invited in to hear him, urging them to consider the significance of Christianity in China, and to give personal heed to the call of Christ. The city is now preparing for the evangelistic meetings to be held by Mr. Sherwood Eddy and party, April 19-23. The problems of evangelism are not all in the hands of the visiting party, as is right. This city is a large one and offers a tremendous challenge."

## MEXICO

Miss Blanche Bonine writes from Yucatan: "This letter will tell you about the house in which will be the beginning of our school work in Yucatan. . . . It was built by a rich man as his *summer* home (I haven't yet discovered which months they call summer!). Well, the owner had to flee for his political health and two years ago he had to have his lawyer sell it. The owner was asked if he would clean and repair it. Lights, roofs, walls, floors, etc., were all in a frightful condition; thieves broke in and stole everything stealable—locks, doors, shelves, all electric wires, etc. It is a wonder they left the walls and the roof and the floors. They did steal the only wooden floor in the place! The owner said, "NO, I WON'T spend one cent on it. If she wants it as it is for 200 *pesos* let her take it!" The more I looked for a home the more I found I would not get anything, for there was a plot against me. So I said rather than give up I would take the house, but I had the contract drawn up that I must leave the house as I found it! That will enable me to take with me all the movable repairs that I have put into it, such as screens, locks, lights, etc. But I shall have to break the contract in one particular, for while it says that I must leave it as I find it, if my life depended on it I could not do that. This was the filthiest place I ever saw in all my life. Had I been a specialist in zoology I would have been in my glory! I have killed every kind of thing that creeps and crawls and flies and walks, and that infests habitations. I started out with cockroaches and I am still at *them*. We have them so big down here that they look like stately battleships when they cross the floor. I have *shovelled* them up after a battle with them! I have taken out their eggs by the kilos. Moths of all kinds, lice of all descriptions, mice and rats and fleas and scorpions and lizards and a weasel and hundreds of wasps and hornets and ants of every kind.

One night when I was too tired to take off my shoes and wishing I didn't have shoes to take off, a big snake, one meter long, came out of a hole and looked at me! Wasn't I glad I had shoes? Well, Mr. Snake went his long way to the happy hunting ground as soon as I got my hands on a hammer. I am here all alone, you know, with the caretaker and his wife in the back of the house. I didn't call him and I think I rose about seven degrees in his estimation and his wife has looked at me in perfect awe since. There are all kinds of ways to command respect. The scorpions are the things I am afraid of, so I have mixed some cement today and the caretaker is filling in all the holes and crevices. We first pour down a lot of coal oil and then watch the things crawl out; then he kills them with his bare foot! The holes are holes the builders left. They build these best houses of stone, and where a stone doesn't meet they just veneer it and, of course, before long the corners are all showing their holes, and the animal kingdom has accepted the invitation and stepped in. Then they crawl out and look at me after a rain has made their holes wet. The doors are of cedar and are really beautiful. The ceilings are twenty-five feet high, and the floors are of tiling. As we get one scrubbed it is really beautiful, and it is such fun to see the pattern come out from under the dirt that has been trodden into it for these years. I have used quarts of muriatic acid, a dozen boxes of Old Dutch Cleanser that I brought with me, fortunately, and, oh, the wood ashes, and the creolin, and the petroleum, and the washing soda! Back of all was a lot of Pennsylvania elbow-grease and a determination to win! An English lady was out here yesterday to see me, and as she looked at the house she said, "Well, I can't believe that this is the same house I looked at six months ago. My husband wanted to rent it but I said nothing on earth would ever make it clean!" So I feel as though I had made some excavations into it anyway. I found out that this is a hot climate to do physical work in and that you cannot accomplish it all in one day. Since I really learned that lesson things have gone a little easier. But I still have three big rooms to clean and I shall be very, very glad when that is done. I have interviewed several prospective patrons, entertained three different groups to tea, have made twelve visits and several calls, have been out to dinner four times, and, above all, I have enjoyed the fight that is on against my prospective work here.

# HOME DEPARTMENT

## The Red Cross Or the Missionary Society—Which?

BOTH!

MRS. B. A. THAXTER

"JUST one minute till I finish this report for the missionary society and I'll be right there with you!" called Mrs. Bolton to her visitor as she heard her step into the sun-parlor.

"Missionary society?" echoed Mrs. Price. "You don't mean to say you find time for missionary society meetings now with all this war work on your hands?"

"Indeed, yes," was the answer. "I find the missionary society needs my work more than ever now."

"Yes," laughed her friend. "Doubtless it does if it's anything like ours. Ours died completely this year and no one attended the funeral. We were all too busy doing our 'bit' for the Red Cross," she added complacently.

There was a short pause as Mrs. Bolton finished her writing, caught up her knitting and sat down beside her visitor, a life-long friend, who was spending a week with her *en route* home from her usual California winter vacation.

"Now, Rose, what about your missionary society dying? You surely do not mean that seriously."

"But I do! Why no one had time to go to meetings to discuss the state of the heathen in Africa when our sons and our husbands were going to France to fight. It seems preposterous to think of spending one's time listening to papers and singing missionary hymns, and giving to places that we don't really know anything about, when every cent is needed in this world's war. For my part, I don't want to give my dollars to help keep a missionary in Africa to teach a few ignorant negroes to read, when my boy and yours need guns and equipment to fight for the safety of our homes. And look at Belgium and Northern France. Does any missionary field need what those bleeding countries need just now?"

"Yes, I'm looking at Belgium and France," replied Mrs. Bolton, her eyes filling with tears. "Do I ever forget them, sleeping or waking?" Her husband, a doctor, was in the war zone, a brother was driving an ambulance there, and handsome twenty-year-old Paul Bolton, her only son, was somewhere in France, a private soldier being prepared to take his part. Was her heart in France? She and Mrs. Price exchanged swift glances, then both smiled wanly. Some things are too deep to speak about and Mrs. Price had given a son to unknown service, too.

"Rose, if I thought you meant all you said just now," said Mrs. Bolton briskly, but twinkling a little, "I'd feel badly, but I know you of old, your bark was always worse than your bite."

"Well," said Rose. "Take them or leave them, those are my sentiments just now, anyway. This is war time and the missionary situation can afford to wait awhile."

"I can't remember the time," went on Mrs. Bolton, knitting placidly, "when I was not interested in missionaries and their work. My mother was the daughter of a foreign missionary in India and two of her brothers spent their lives in China. When the great war came on and the needs and claims of Belgium and France were put before us in such pregnant terms, I just added those countries to my list of peoples who had a claim on my purse and my

prayers. I could not forget my old friends in China, India, and Africa, neither could I fail to heed the cry of new sufferers. It was an unpleasant shock to me to find that in the minds of so many of my friends missionary work and war work were two different things. When we entered the war, and the women began to work in earnest for the Red Cross, for Belgian Relief, for Y. M. C. A., for the soldiers in camps and cantonments, and all the other varied claims that war has brought us, I saw a gradual falling off in attendance at our missionary meetings and a loss of interest. I knew what a serious thing it was for us to withdraw our support from the missionaries at a time when they needed it so much. But women were facing war measures; they were being called to give sons to their country, husbands, lovers; they were being asked to make radical changes in their households to comply with food regulations; nurses were needed, workers to solicit for Liberty Loans, boxes had to be prepared for soldiers. It was natural, perhaps, that the new and the most directly appealing should crowd out the old, that they would forget the missionary on his far-flung battle line in Asia because of their intimate concern with the battle line in France, that the Red Cross in Belgium would make them forget the Red Cross in Syria and Persia which the missionaries had maintained so long, that the sad story of Belgian refugees would crowd out the story of other refugees persecuted because of their religion, that camp work would eclipse station work in Africa, and that Bibles for the soldiers would loom more important than Bibles for native Christians."

"Yes, and so they are!" said Rose, stubbornly. "When we have won the war, then we can take up all that missionary work again."

"But it is Christ's work and how can we dare to stop, having once put our hand to the plough?"

Rose knitted furiously. "Well," she said, with a smile. "You talk as well as ever, Louise, do tell me what you did about it."

"First of all I prayed about it. For awhile I could not do anything else but pray for my own heart was so rent by my own sorrows. But when two meetings had gone by with sparse attendance, and scanty interest, while all the women were feverishly attacking new activities, I thought it was time to do something before disaster overtook us. I knew it was of no use to make personal appeals to the women, the answers they gave were to them conclusive, it was war time and all these things came first. Most of them would take up only one outside interest. We used to get a little time for missions from them but now it was just war work. If we got their attention it must be by guile."

"Oh, you were always clever at that!"

"Yes," said the unruffled Mrs. Bolton, "and this time I planned to be up-to-date in my operations and use a little camouflage. When the time for the missionary meeting came it was apparently abandoned and no notice of it appeared on the church calendar. Instead, Mrs. Sawyers, the head worker for the Red Cross, whom I had enlisted on my side, called an emergency meeting for that hour in the church parlor and asked for the attendance of every worker. So little were they thinking of missions that the only one who asked about the missionary meeting was Grandma Mosby, who is too old to go to any other meeting. Well, Mrs. Sawyers called the meeting to order and of course all the women were there, knitting busily. Then she stated that a great emergency had arisen and certain work would be seriously impaired if we did not at once respond to this one more call. Those women were interested at once and just on tip-toe, for you know how eager every one is to help now, one has only to mention a

need to have it supplied, full measure, and generally running over. Then Mr. Cairns, our pastor, stepped up quietly behind her and began at once to tell a most graphic story of the situation in Syria and Persia. He showed how much of the time of the missionaries was devoted to relief work, how the forty thousand refugees, Syrians, Armenians, Kurds—thousands of women and children—were utterly destitute, even naked, and that many had died of starvation. He told of the heroic battle the missionaries had waged against disease and death, how many of their number had fallen, victims of typhus fever and cholera, as truly giving their lives for humanity as if they had fallen on No Man's Land. He read the message of one who had saved thousands from starvation, 'Tell them in the home-land, to keep on sending money, we will see that it is used to help mankind.' And he ended with these words: 'Can we see these men whom we have sent out to do this work, standing powerless before those hordes of starving people because we have failed to send them of our abundance?

"Most of the women had dropped their knitting; Mr. Cairns is eloquent, you know, and our hearts are all tender these days, when, by one of those remarkable coincidences that we call chance but which are so often plainly the hand of God working in our affairs, a little woman rose to her feet and asked permission to speak. She was a missionary just returned from Persia who was spending a few days in our city and had come to the meeting with a friend. I didn't know anything about her, but I tell you she just fitted into that situation, for without wasting any words she gave us a first-hand experience straight from the field.

"As president, I had been responsible for the closing feature. One of my officers had posted herself with a few trenchant missionary facts, and drove them home with convincing emphasis. If our aid were withdrawn from the foreign field, it would mean no schools in many of those non-Christian lands, no orphan asylums, no homes for blind, crippled and feeble-minded, no hospitals, no Christian homes, no God! It was wonderful but it was hardly needed, our women are intelligent and they had seen the point. No one dared to say we must give all our time and money to Red Cross. Instead they were soon volunteering information about conditions in Western Africa, in Egypt, Palestine and other places, showing that their missionary interest was far from dead, only temporarily snowed under.

"Our missionary society still holds up its banner of the Cross of Christ for the whole world and its members work as keenly as ever for the Red Cross, His ministry of healing. We make our meetings very practical and no one thinks of excusing herself from service because of war duties. We raised more money this year than we ever did before and we added over a hundred members to our society. We're not putting off Christ's work till after the war!"

"Louise," said Rose, "you are a wonder! I wish you'd come home with me and resurrect *our* society. I believe you could raise the dead!"

PORTLAND, Oregon.

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AS SOON as possible after receiving WOMAN'S WORK I read it carefully. As I read I find the name of the writer of each article in my *Yearbook of Prayer*. Close to the name I make a note of where the article is to be found. When I come to the name in the day's list for prayer I refer to my file of magazines and so know better how to pray for that missionary.

From the notes from Headquarters, too, I learn much of the life of those for whom we pray. On page 47 of the February issue I read of Mrs. Douglas in Teheran. I find that Dec. 12 is the day we pray for her. I mark her date on

the margin of the magazine and in the *Yearbook* mark where to find this note. I find she has been sixteen years working for us, and my heart goes out to her because of her isolation, years of work and her great sorrow. This method has brought spiritual growth to me. I feel much nearer to our workers.

I keep my numbers on file and loan them to young and old in their preparation for Endeavor and Missionary Meetings.

BUSHNELL, ILL. (*Mrs. L.*) *May E. Barber.*

THE Presbyterian Foreign Mission Study Campaign for the year 1918-1919 has for its theme, "Christianity and the World's Workers," a subject of vital importance which should appeal strongly to our Church. The books will be out by the early part of June. Further information may be obtained from Miss Gertrude Schultz, 156 Fifth avenue, or from the Secretary for Missionary Education of your own Woman's Board. Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions bring out as their new textbook *Women Workers of the Orient*, by Margaret E. Burton. Further notice will appear later.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF OCCIDENTAL BOARD

EDITH K. LATHAM

IN the midst of anxiety over the outcome of the most terrible battle of the ages, Occidental Board conveued its Forty-fifth Aunual Meeting in San Francisco, April 16th. The opening meeting was held iu the ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel, where a large gathering listened to Rev. Dr. Chapman, Moderator of Geueral Assembly, Rev. Dr. Foulkes and Mr. W. M. Danner, American Secretary to the Leper Associatiou. Through the three days' session the keynote was reliance upon God, the importance of prayer and a firm patriotism which iucludes not only ministrations to our brave boys iu France but a strengthening of support to our missionary allies as well. "We will keep our missionary fires burning till Christ comes into His own," was our Board President's message, a reiteration of President Wilson's admonition to "keep the Church at the floodtide of her spiritual power."

The meetings of the 17th aud 18th werc held at Board Headquarters, 920 Sacramento street. The Mission Home was filled with gay Spring flowers sent by friends, amoug these some beautiful blossoms from Miss Lee (Ah Lon), the little trained nurse, who could not be present because she was cariug for a desperately ill Chinese woman, a remarkable representation from these widely-separated constitueucies. Mrs. Cleland of Los Angeles reported advance in all lines in California Synodical Society. Mrs. Sanderson, Utah, reported a splendid year in Mission Study, and one result of the teaching of the mission schools—a woman, member of a Mormon family, now Presidcnt of a Missionary Society. Mrs. Hayes, Arizoua, Synodical President, paid tribute to Miss Gilchrist, pioueer in the work aud first President of Arizona Synodical Society. She furnished the picturesque missionary item that the Pima Indian Women's Society raised twenty dollars for missions by the sale of pottery, etc., and also saved and paid fifty dollars additional toward the new church. The same officers were re-elected with the exception of a few who asked to be relieved. The changes appear in the list on third page cover of WOMAN'S WORK. We missed the gentle presence of our dear Mrs. H. H. Hamilton, kept at home by her husband's illness. Her ministration as Chairman of the nominating committee has been a feature of Annual Meeting for about thirty years.

The Committee in Charge of WOMAN'S WORK was ably reported by Mrs. E. V. Robbins.

Miss Mae Flathers reported that the Young People had gone "over the top" in missions. Many C. E.'s are serving their country in France aud at the same time serving their Master by helping comrades in the trenches to fiud Him. Twenty Endeavorers have enlisted as home and foreign missionaries this last year.

On the evening of the 18th the Young People affiliated with the Board in missionary effort met at supper at the First Church.

Seven uew missionary candidates are listed by our Board this year. Furloughed missionaries brought vivid word-pictures of life on their fields. Miss Maud Steele spoke on her work as a trained nurse in Miraj, India; Miss Hazel Brunner of Siam; Mrs. Wallace of Mexico; Mrs. J. F. Kelly of Hainan; Mrs. Esther Hessel Meeker of India; Miss Lelia Quinby of Barranquilla, Colombia. That mediaevalism is not only in German militarism was eviuced by the exhibition of a portion of a torn and charred Bible rescued by a Colombian colporteur from a Romish priest's auto-da-fe, and brought to the United States by Miss Quinby.

The Foreign Correspondents, iu response to roll-call, presented their reports with brief news items from their several missionaries.

The Treasurer reported an advance for the regular work. Last year there were special gifts for the Tooker School. This year a goodly sum has been given for War Emergency, Armenian Relief, etc.

In closing with the message, Mrs. Pinney read the names of missionaries' sons who are in the service of their country, one of whom at least has paid the supreme sacrifice—the son of Dr. Forman of India.

## *From Philadelphia*

Send all letters to 501 Witherspoon Building, Regular Meetings of the Society discontinued until September 17.

TOPICS FOR PRAYER: Prayer for the Divine Guidance of Our Society Throughout the Year. The Officers of Our Own Board.

CORPORATION MEETING was held May 7th. Mrs. H. S. Prentiss Nichols presiding. Mrs. John Harvey Lee was elected President; Miss Margaret E. Hodge, now Executive Secretary of C. C., Honorary Officer; Mrs. John W. Patton, Director, and Mrs. Robert H. McCready, Woodbridge, N. J., Synodical President (*ex-officio*). The Directors were re-elected without change. We regret very much the loss, on account of removal from the city, of our valued Director and Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Greene.

THERE were some secretarial changes: Mrs. T. Elliot Patterson becomes Secretary for China: Kiang-an, North and South Missions; Mrs. John T. Palmer for Africa and Japan; Mrs. John W. Patton for China: Shantung Mission; Miss Clara De Haven for China: Central, Hainan and Hunan Missions; Miss Rachel Lowrie, Bureau of Letters; Mrs. Caleb Green, Associate Secretary for Candidates; Miss Gertrude Hollis, Literature; Miss Anna L. Flanigen, Department of Associate Members; Mrs. Richard M. Pearce, Boxes; Miss Margaret Boyle, Office Secretary.

WE had the very great pleasure of having with us five members of the New York Board: Miss Alice M. Davison, President; Mrs. W. E. Waters, Mrs. J. A. Webb, Jr., Mrs. W. P. Schell and Miss Lauribel Hart.

THE following associate missionaries were adopted at Directors' meeting: Miss Agnes D. Scott (fiancée of Mr. John B. Weir) and Mrs. Nathan L. Ramsey to go to the Punjab; Miss Mary Land (fiancée of Dr. Stephen C. Lewis), to go to Hunan.

THE financial goal for the new year, definitely outlined thus far, is as follows: For Regular Work the Board calls for an increase of ten per cent. from all societies over the gifts of 1916-17; as our Special we ask for a duplication of all War Emergency apportionments. Aside from these two there is being launched a great Jubilee program to celebrate in 1920 the fiftieth anniversary of the Woman's Boards and one of the features of this Jubilee is to be a mighty gift of gold.

PRAYER-MEETING, led by Mrs. A. W. Smiley, was of special missionary interest, Mrs. W. S. Holt, one of our former missionaries, spoke for "Our Missionaries and their Families." Mrs. T. S. Pond, our missionary for forty-five years, twenty-one in Caracas, said that they were full of praise and thanksgiving for what the Lord had done for Caracas: the most acceptable church, the earnest and faithful young missionaries and the new building for a home for the missionaries. Miss E. R. Williamson, from Brazil, told of her work in preparing the young women to take charge of the schools under the guidance of the missionaries. Mrs. A. A. Torrance, in the briefest possible time, drew a plan of Tsinan and indicated upon it the residence of our friends there, the University, mountains, marsh, foreign settlement, etc. She opened her Sunday-school kindergarten, showed us the fifty mothers who are wall flowers, and the 500 children, more or less, whose ticket of admission is said to be a garment, because no naked child is admitted.

## *From Chicago*

Meetings at Room 48, 17 N. State St., every Friday at 10 a. m. Visitors welcome.

TWELVE States belong to the territory of the Northwest Board, of those twelve, eleven States made a total advance in gifts over the previous year. Illinois alone decreased her gifts by $515, though she is still by far the largest giver. Colorado gained $965; Indiana, $533; Iowa, $1,554; Michigan, $2,693; Minnesota, $2,144; Montana, $140; Nebraska, $1,081; North Dakota, $353; South Dakota, $77; Wisconsin, $5,398; Wyoming, $1.43. The increase from Wisconsin comes in large part from special gifts and bequests.

A NEW Synodical Secretary has been appointed for Illinois, Mrs. Edward L. Beatie of Chicago.

MRS. EDGAR P. HILL, President of Chicago Presbyterial Society, told of the plan that presbyterial vice-presidents be responsible for the special work of visiting the societies in the presbytery, with the idea of helping them in any way possible and trying to stimulate their interest in foreign missionary work. These visits will be made upon invitation from the societies.

SEVERAL times in this column we have mentioned the serious illness of Mrs. D. B. Wells, and now the sad news of her home going has come. Sad for us, but joyous for her, because she was hoping for the day to come quickly. Her joyful Christian life, excelling in usefulness, her unusual insight into God's word, her ability to impart to others this knowledge, and her own enthusiasm—her glorious optimistic faith, her life consecrated to service, her breadth of vision, all these and many other words of love were spoken at a memorial service for her held by our Board on May 3rd. Mrs. Wells held the offices both of Field and Office Secretary for this Board with the greatest usefulness both to the Board and to our constituency, and for many years afterwards was the leading spirit in a series of missionary educational campaigns in the Middle West. She was also one of the foremost figures in the conferences and mission schools at Winona.

MRS. C. E. BRADT is the Board's new secretary for Young People. She takes the place made vacant when Mrs. Cleland McAfee resigned that office to become our secretary for Central Committee Correspondence.

WE HOPE for a good report from the day appointed, June 2nd, as Ellinwood Day, in the interest of Ellinwood buildings at Manila, P. I.

## From New York

Meetings discontinued during the Summer. Headquarters in Room 818, 156 Fifth Ave., will be open daily during business hours.

To Our Auxiliaries: Will you bear specially on your hearts during the summer: 1. Our Summer Offering for the rebuilding of the Guatemala Hospital. If each member will double her last year's gift, the $10,000 needed will be raised.

2. The War Emergency Special. The amount asked for is the same as last year. The need is greater.

3. The Golden Jubilee. Our Board's fiftieth birthday, to be celebrated in April, 1920. There will be a special campaign for new societies; an increase of interest, especially among the young; more missionaries; and a Jubilee Gift of Gold, to be consecrated to the welfare of the women of the Orient. Further information will be given in September. Preparation for the campaign begins *now* with special prayer that the Jubilee aims may be realized. Remember this during the summer in your meetings and in your homes. The success of the Jubilee will depend very largely on this preparation of prayer.

Alice M. Davison, President.

Our Board has accepted a cordial invitation from Boston Presbyterial Society to hold our next Biennial Assembly, April, 1919, in Boston.

Miss Alice M. Parsons, who has been assisting Miss Mabel Waters, Secretary for Children's Work, conducted by our Board, has been given a leave of absence and has sailed for France. Miss Parsons is to be associated with the American Committee for Devastated France and hopes to be privileged to bring light into the faces of the little children who have lived these four years within sound of the enemy's guns, who have lived in such misery that they have almost lost that priceless heritage of childhood—the knowledge of play.

Mrs. Wm. Voorhies has resigned as president of Connecticut Valley Presbyterial Society, as she has moved out of the territory. Mrs. Carl Foster of Bridgeport has been elected president. Mrs. Foster is the daughter of a Presbyterian clergyman and a niece of Dr. Sheldon of Jackson, so by inheritance and training she is bringing great missionary inspiration to the presbyterial society.

The new name for "Extension Departments," which is "Departments for Associate Members," defines their purpose more clearly. This purpose is simply to give the women who cannot attend meetings an opportunity to learn about missions. There should be a Secretary of the Department of Associate Members in *each* society, to keep in touch with those who will agree to read the literature provided and these shall be called Associate Members.

Guatemala City was "put on the map" of our minds and hearts when our missionary, Mrs. W. B. Allison, told of the earthquake there, and the good that came of the terror and woe in preserving Christians, softening hard hearts and opening closed doors.

## From St. Louis

Room 707, 816 Olive St. Meetings every first and third Tuesday at 10:30 a. m. Send there for literature.

At our May mid-monthly meeting we welcomed a beloved former member, Miss Julia Hyde, who several years ago was closely identified with our Young People's work. She will be our Letter Secretary. It is not very wonderful that we grow very close to each other in our work, for our work brings us close to our divine Leader. It is fine to feel that each one, in her circumscribed area of service, is arranging her allotment of work so that it moves in harmony, becomes a veritable part of the great mechanism of the universe over which God rules. With that big thought moving us, we dare not do a shoddy bit of work for Him.

Such a feast of letters as we had! Our beloved Carrie Clark writes from India—always good letters. One secret of her love for and success in service lies in her power with the young people about her. Brave Mrs. Simpson in Islampur tells how few are the workers for so large a field; also, alas! how often the native Christian is so like to his Hindu neighbor, and how tact, patience and faith must constantly be drawn upon.

From Ambala, India, Mrs. Ahrens writes of her husband's high school work, with its 250 Mohammedans, 250 Hindus and only 20 Christians; also something of her own Zenana work. Miss Eleanor Morrison in Guatemala makes us realize somewhat the dire results of the earthquake, and the spur to evolve good from the calamity. It is easy enough to bring good out of good things; it needs God to make evil things work out to His praise.

Miss Worthington sends a fine report. It is too long to report here, and this is not the place. She will soon be here, and we will see her face to face, and she will have much to tell us.

Carthage, Mo., Presbyterial Society kindly sends notes: "All but three of the woman's societies had study classes last year. Treasurer reported contributions had gone 'over the top.' Interest among young people is increasing, as also their gifts. It was recommended to the secretaries that a summer offering be made for the earthquake sufferers in Guatemala."

Members of the Editorial Committee, writing for the S. W. Board, would welcome any worth while notes from our territory. Send to Mrs. C. R. Hopkins, 816 Olive St., St. Louis.

Our hearts were sad today as we thought of and prayed for our friend and associate, Mrs. M. B. Dunham, whose husband passed away in May. Three of her boys are in France and this sudden bereavement leaves the home very lonely. Mrs. Dunham is chairman of our Publication Committee.

## *From Portland, Oregon*

Headquarters, 454 Alder St. Meetings: Board of Directors, on first Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m.; visitors welcome. Executive Session, third Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m. Literature to be obtained from Miss Abby S. Lamberson at headquarters.

WE wish to direct the minds of all who are thinking of vacation plans to the Third Annual Conference of the Missionary Education Movement, to be held at Seabeck, Wash., July 30 to August 8. A 1916 delegate says: "Seabeck is a center of a wealth of wildwood and faced by an expanse of salt water, with a background of majestic mountains; a combination of serious-minded study and red-blooded recreation; Seabeck is the synonym of the summer's best." The 1918 program promises to be the best that has yet been arranged. Pastors, Sunday-school workers, members of Young People's Societies, leaders in women's organizations and all interested in the great missionary task and forward movement of the Church will find the Conference most helpful. Young men and young women who are expecting to enter college or are in other training for their life-work; those who desire to broaden the vision of life and to deepen its meaning; those who are seeking to understand the world movements of the day; those who are eager to become leaders in the local churches; those who would like a vacation with a purpose; those who are asking the question, "After college what?" Young people, between sixteen and twenty years of age are invited to Seabeck to join the Servants of the King Group and to become a part of the larger conference. With the help of competent advisers the last group will be given training in: Group leadership in self-governing organization; Practice in teaching the Bible and missions; Open debate on important and vital problems; Learning to pray in the open and in private devotions.

Delegates may be self appointed, or may be selected to represent an organization. The forenoons of each day are devoted to study and conference. The afternoons are all reserved for recreation under the supervision of a special committee. There are four fine tennis courts, warm and cold salt water bathing, hill climbing and walking through beautiful wooded paths, motor trips by land and sea in a mountainous region of wondrous grandeur. If you wish to combine a delightful recreational life with the highest type of religious training, here is a vacation that is worth while. For full information regarding accommodations, expenses, etc., write to Rev. John H. Matthews, Plymouth Church, Seattle, Wash.

# RECEIPTS TO MAY 15, 1918

By Totals from Presbyterial Societies

### Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church

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| ATHENS, | $10.00 | HUNTINGDON, | $100.00 | For Regular Work, | $2,329.21 | |
| CAPE FEAR, | 3.00 | LIMA, | 16.00 | From Legacies, | 3,271.22 | |
| CHILLICOTHE, | 10.00 | Miscellaneous, | 70.06 | Guatemala Relief, | 67.00 | |
| COLUMBUS, | 25.00 | Legacies, Interest | | | | $5,667.43 |
| DAYTON, | 504.50 | on Investments, | | | | |
| FLORIDA, | 42.50 | etc., | 4,886.37 | | | |

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### Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest

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| BLOOMINGTON, | $190.00 | IOWA CITY, | $39.25 | Receipts from April 16 to May 15: | | |
| CHICAGO, | 1,460.78 | KALAMAZOO, | 16.00 | Regular Work, | $9,290.36 | |
| CHIPPEWA, | 6,536.34 | LAKE SUPERIOR, | 69.00 | Special Gifts to Missionaries, | 90.00 | |
| CORNING, | 90.00 | LANSING, | 10.00 | | | $9,380.36 |
| DETROIT, | 2.00 | MILWAUKEE, | 5.00 | Total Receipts from March 16 to May 15: | | |
| DULUTH, | 64.00 | MINNEWAUKON, | 8.00 | Regular Work, | $12,385.48 | |
| FARGO, | 25.00 | MONROE, | 110.25 | Special Gifts to Missionaries, | 90.00 | |
| FLINT, | 60.00 | ST. CLOUD, | 5.00 | Annuities, | 900.00 | |
| FREEPORT, | 13.00 | WINNEBAGO, | 36.25 | | | $13,375.48 |
| GRAND RAPIDS, | 48.00 | Miscellaneous, | 554.62 | | | |
| HELENA, | 37.87 | | | | | |

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| BINGHAMTON, | $61.00 | NASSAU, | $72.00 | Receipts from April 16th to May 15th: | | |
| BROOKLYN, | 198.00 | NEWARK, | 372.00 | Regular, | $4,694.86 | |
| BUFFALO, | 212.00 | NEW YORK, | 565.00 | War Emergency, | 21.00 | |
| COLUMBIA, | 2.50 | NORTH RIVER, | 22.00 | | | $4,715.86 |
| EBENEZER, | 22.00 | OTSEGO, | 3.00 | Total since March 15th: | | |
| GENEVA, | 100.00 | UTICA, | 275.00 | Regular, | $10,242.69 | |
| JERSEY CITY, | 885.00 | WESTCHESTER, | 975.00 | War Emergency, | 281.00 | |
| MORRIS AND | | Miscellaneous, | 656.36 | | | $10,523.69 |
| ORANGE, | 295.00 | | | | | |

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| ARDMORE, | $5.00 | NEOSHO, | $5.00 | WICHITA, | $5.00 | Miscellaneous, | $69.34 |
| CIMARRON, | 10.00 | OSBORNE, | 5.00 | | | | |
| EL RENO, | 35.00 | OKLAHOMA, | 10.00 | Total for month, | | | $326.34 |
| EMPORIA, | 5.00 | MCALESTER, | 5.00 | Total for year to date, | | | 679.73 |
| HOBART, | 5.00 | MUSKOGEE, | 10.00 | Million-Dollar Fund for month, | | | 50.00 |
| IRON MT., | 12.00 | SALT RIVER, | 115.00 | Million-Dollar Fund for year to date | | | 70.45 |
| KIRKSVILLE, | 10.00 | SOLOMON, | 5.00 | | | | |
| LARNED, | 5.00 | TULSA, | 10.00 | | | | |

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